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Bacama language

Bachama (Bachama) is an Afro-Asiatic language spoken in Nigeria in Adamawa State, principally in the Numan Local Government Areas. Dialects are Mulyen, Opalo, and Wa-Duku. Bachama-Yimburu appears to be a closely related but distinct language. Bachama is used as a trade language.[1] It is often considered the same language as Bata.

Bachama	
Native to	Nigeria
Region	Adamawa State
Native speakers	(150,000 cited 1992)[1]
Language family	Afro-Asiatic ▪ Chadic ▪ Biu–Mandara ▪ Bata (A.8) ▪ **Bachama**
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	bcy
Glottolog	baca1246 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/baca1246) Bacama[2] baca1245 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/baca1245) Bacama-Yimburu[3]

Numerals

Bachama has a decimal/quinary number system, with both 5 and 10 as bases:[4]

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
hido	kpe	mwakin	fwot	tuf	tukoltaka	tukolukpe	fwofwot	dombi hido	bau

8 is 4-4, 6 and 7 are based on adding to 5, and 9 means '(10) less 1'.

Notes

1. Bachama (https://www.ethnologue.com/18/language/bcy/) at *Ethnologue* (18th ed., 2015)
2. Hammarström, Harald; Forkel, Robert; Haspelmath, Martin, eds. (2017). "Bacama" (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/baca1246). *Glottolog 3.0*. Jena, Germany: Max Planck Institute for the Science of Human History.
3. Hammarström, Harald; Forkel, Robert; Haspelmath, Martin, eds. (2017). "Bacama-Yimburu" (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/baca1245). *Glottolog 3.0*. Jena, Germany: Max Planck Institute for the Science of Human History.
4. Matsushita, 'Decimal vs. Duodecimal' (https://web.archive.org/web/20081005230737/http://www3.aa.tufs.ac.jp/~P_aflang/TEXTS/oct98/decimal.html)

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